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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4705

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Robin H Richardson
Deputy Associate Administrator
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1301 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Deputy Associate Administrator Richardson:

I write to request approval to retain Nate Folkemer from the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance so he can continue to provide invaluable technical assistance as the U.S. Senate considers a variety of critical energy and environmental issues.

Nate is currently a Brookings Legislative Fellow working in my personal office and his fellowship is scheduled to end in January 2021. As we begin the 117th Congress with a new President and a shift in Senate leadership, there are countless questions and issues raised on a daily basis and it is critical that my office be able to provide immediate analysis and timely responses with the assistance of an experienced and highly knowledgeable lawyer like Mr. Folkemer.

I would very much appreciate if you would consider extending Nate's fellowship with my office for six months, through at least July 31, 2021. Nate's continued presence will help my office work efficiently with the incoming Administration, especially since he's been deeply involved in the development of legislative solutions to address greenhouse gas emissions and incentivize investment in clean transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Maria Cantwell", written in a cursive style.

Maria Cantwell